

**MINUTES
GREENWOOD COUNTY COUNCIL
JUNE 1, 2010
GREENWOOD COUNTY COURTHOUSE
ROOM 201
5:30 P.M.**

PRESENT:	EDITH CHILDS
	RHETT DOMINICK
	GONZA BRYANT
	CHUCK MOATES
	PATRICK MOODY
	ROBBIE TEMPLETON
	ROBERT JENNINGS

VICTOR J. CARPENTER COUNTY MANAGER	THESSA G. SMITH ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER	KETEKASH CRUMP-LUKIE CLERK TO COUNCIL	CHARLES M. WATSON, JR. COUNTY ATTORNEY
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CALL TO ORDER

At 5:30 p.m. Mr. Templeton called the Greenwood County Council meeting to by order and read the following statement: This is a regular meeting of County Council. Notice of this meeting was given by mailing an agenda to The Index-Journal, The Greenville News, and Gwdtoday.com. Agenda was posted on the front door of the courthouse.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Rev. Keith Lewers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Templeton asked those present to remain standing and join council in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 18, 2010 REGULAR MEETING

Mr. Templeton recognized Mrs. Childs who made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Jennings seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Templeton read the following title: An Ordinance to Amend the Greenwood County Zoning Map to Change the Classification of Certain Properties from Rural Development District (RDD) to Waterfront Development (WD)

Mr. Templeton announced that council would only hold the public hearing and the Third Reading would be held at the June 15th regular meeting of council.

Mr. Templeton opened the public hearing.

No one spoke in favor or in opposition to the proposed reclassification.

Mr. Templeton closed the public hearing and announced that the Third Reading would be held during the June 15th regular meeting of council.

SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Templeton read the following title: County Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2010-11

An Ordinance to Adopt Operating and Capital Budgets for Greenwood County for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2010, and Ending June 30, 2011; To Identify Sources of Anticipated Revenue, Including Taxes, Necessary to Meet the Financial Requirements of the Budgets; To Provide for the Levy, Collection a Expenditure of Taxes and Other Sources of Revenue; To Provide for Revenues Necessary to Make Payments Coming Due on Bonded Indebtedness Issued by the Greenwood Metropolitan District; To Provide for the Establishment of Certain Rates and Fees; To Make Amendments to Ordinance No 2009-10 Establishing the Operating and Capital Budgets for Greenwood County for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2009 and Ending June 30, 2010; And Other Matters Related Thereto

Mr. Templeton opened the public hearing.

No one spoke in favor or in opposition to the proposed County Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2010-11.

Mr. Templeton closed the public hearing and asked council for a motion.

Mr. Templeton recognized Mr. Moates who made a motion to approve the proposed county budget ordinance. Mr. Moody seconded the motion.

Mr. Templeton recognized Mr. Dominick who commented that the county budget ordinance does not include a tax increase to supplement county operations for this coming year. Council has worked diligently not to increase taxes.

Mr. Templeton pointed out that the General Fund budget for Fiscal Year 2010-11 is less than the General Fund budget passed for Fiscal Year 2009-10.

Mr. Templeton called for the vote.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

SECOND READING & PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Templeton read the following title: Education Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2010-11

An Ordinance to Provide Appropriations for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2010, and Ending June 30, 2011, for Educational Purposes in Greenwood County, Including Schools in Greenwood School District Number 50, Ware Shoals School District Number 51, and Ninety Six School District Number 52, The G. Franck Russell Career Center, Piedmont Technical College, and The Greenwood County Library; To Provide for a Levy of Ad Valorem Taxes on the Taxable Property in Greenwood County and on the Taxable Property in the School Districts for said Purposes; To Further Provide for Levy of Ad Valorem Taxes to Pay Principal and Interest on Outstanding Obligations of Each Particular School District Maturing During Said Fiscal Year; And to Provide for the Expenditure of Said Taxes and Other Revenue Coming to the County for the Respective School Districts During Said Fiscal Year

Mr. Templeton stated that individual school district requests appear to be the same as last year with the exception of a small increase for District 50.

Mr. Templeton opened the public hearing.

No one spoke in favor or in opposition to the proposed education budget for fiscal year 2010-11.

Mr. Templeton closed the public hearing and asked for a motion from council.

Mr. Templeton recognized Mrs. Child who made a motion to approve the Second Reading. Mr. Moates seconded the motion.

Mr. Templeton clarified that the small increase for District 50 are mandated increases.

Mr. Templeton asked council for a vote.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE/EDUCATION/APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE – ROBBIE TEMPLETON

Item 1) Consideration for Awarding Software Bids

Mr. Templeton reminded council that one of the items included in the recently passed bond ordinance was for technology upgrades.

Mr. Templeton recognized Victor Carpenter, County Manager, who reminded council that technology upgrades are a critical need for Greenwood County; in many cases hardware and software are being used that is 25 years old, software may no longer be supported, and resource personnel are scarce. The approval of these expenditures will allow the portion of the bond issue dealing with technology to be carried out.

Mr. Templeton read the following staff recommendations:

1. Award the RFP #1 for the CAMA/Tax/Permitting software bid to the low bidder, Colorado Customware, Inc. (CCI) at a cost of \$554,508 with yearly maintenance cost of between \$62,074 and “\$68,182
2. Award RFP #2 for the Fund Accounting to the low bidder, Tyler Technologies (Munis) at a cost of a onetime total cost of \$234,549 for software and conversion. Recurring annual fees for year one will be \$11,800. First year maintenance fees have been waived by the vendor, subsequent annual maintenance fees will be between \$19,257 to \$22,293 per year

Mr. Templeton asked council for a motion.

Mr. Templeton recognized Mr. Moates who made a motion to approve the staff recommendation for technology upgrades. Mrs. Childs seconded the motion.

Mr. Templeton recognized Mr. Moody who stated that while the technology upgrades are a necessity, most, if not all, of the hardware/software used by the county is out dated and, in the long run, these upgrades will save the county money by increasing efficiency and accuracy.

Mr. Carpenter pointed out that the three percent decrease in the budget in part is because of some of these improvements have allowed the county to cut some of the money that they had been spending; thereby allowing the savings to already affect the budget.

Mr. Templeton call for the vote.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

JUSTICE/PUBLIC SAFETY/MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – RHETT DOMINICK

- Item 1) Mr. Dominick reminded those present that Monday, May 31st was Memorial Day and a time when veterans and active duty military personnel should have been remembered.

He continued by informing council that Greenwood County has military personnel who are in hazardous duty zones who have not paid their 2009 taxes and he feels council needs to do something for them.

Mr. Dominick made a motion that council adopt a resolution extending the time for the payment of 2009 property taxes until June 30, 2010 for persons serving in the United States Armed Forces or National Guard in or near a hazardous duty zone. Mrs. Childs seconded the motion.

Mr. Templeton recognized Mr. Moody who commended Mr. Dominick for bringing this issue to council's attention; he went on to say that he is familiar with families dealing with issues of this type.

Mr. Templeton closed by saying this is a small price to pay for people defending our freedom.

Mr. Templeton called for the vote.

The motion passed by unanimous vote.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – NO REPORT

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – GONZA BRYANT

- Item 1) Mr. Bryant commended the Partnership for last week's meeting.

LAKE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – PATRICK MOODY

- Item 1) Mr. Moody stated that the Lake is full due to the sufficient/regular rain fall.
- Item 2) Mr. Moody asked that a meeting of the Lake Committee be scheduled for the next week to two weeks.

PUBLIC WORKS – NO REPORT

AIRPORT COMMITTEE – NO REPORT

RECREATION COMMITTEE – EDITH CHILDS

- Item 1) Mrs. Childs informed council that Mr. Carpenter had received three proposals for the Seaboard Recreation Center.

Mr. Templeton advised that the Ad-hoc Committee would meet Tuesday, June 8th; the time will be announced at a later date.

- Item 2) Mrs. Childs announced that Parks & Recreation schedules may be viewed online.

DISTRICT REPORTS

District One – Edith Childs

Mrs. Childs made the following announcements/observations:

- June 12th, the Troy community will hold a Health Fair from 9 a.m. until 12 Noon, all are invited to Millway for this event

District Two – Rhett Dominick

Mr. Dominick made the following announcements/observations:

- July 3rd, the Festival of Stars will be held in the Town of Ninety Six

District Three – Gonza Bryant

Mr. Bryant made the following announcements/observations:

- He thanked Phil Lindler, Planning Department Director, his staff, and Mr. Watson, County Attorney, for meeting with one of District Three's community clubs
- He recognized Pastor Keith Lewers and Maria Davis and allowed them to introduce themselves to council and to elaborate on an event scheduled for June 19th at the Little River Multicultural Complex.
 - Pastor Lewers announced that an Adoption Awareness event will be held June 19th with several gospel celebrities and scheduled events
 - The purpose of the event is to bring awareness to bring kids from foster care to adoption because many youth are aging out of foster care and becoming incarcerated; this event will be used to bring awareness to this issue
 - A morning show will also air on 1090 to bring awareness to issues that plague the Afro-American community such as health, crime, and violence; to assist in bringing a change to the Greenwood area and to hopefully empower the community to make a change and to make a difference in their lives

District Four – Chuck Moates

Mr. Moates made the following announcements/observations:

- The Festival of Flowers officially begins June 1, 2010

District Five – Patrick Moody

Mr. Moody made the following announcements/observations:

- The Town of Ninety Six Mayor, Chamber of Commerce, and Uptown Development asked that he thank County Council on their behalf for all the support they have given the Town of Ninety Six

District Seven – Bob Jennings

Mr. Jennings made the following announcements/observations:

- He thanked the members of council for their support of the Catfish Festival
- He encouraged everyone to participate in the Festival of Stars that will be held in the Town of Ninety Six
- He informed those present that the Free Bluegrass Festival will be held starting at 6 p.m. Saturday, June 26th and will run until around 11 or 11:30 p.m.
- The topiaries have started to be erected on the town square; stop and take a look at them
- He thanked those who attended the Ware Shoals Veteran's Memorial dedication held Sunday, May 30th

District Six – Robbie Templeton

Mr. Templeton made the following announcements/observations:

- Tentatively scheduled the Ad-hoc (Seaboard) Committee for Tuesday, June 8, 2010; time will be announced at a later date
- Greenwood High School and Emerald graduations are scheduled for the morning of Friday, June 4th
- He encouraged everyone to go out and vote Tuesday, June 8th
- HE encouraged everyone to visit the Festival of Flowers website which has a listing of all the scheduled events; the kick-off is scheduled for Saturday, June 5th with food, wine tasting and a view of the topiaries
- June 8th on the County Bank plaza, Clemson Day will be held in honor of the late Thornwell Dunlap; Mr. Dunlap had the largest tiger collection in the world which will be on display; www.scfestivalofflowers.org
- Informed council that his daughter will be having surgery out of town and he may be gone as many as five days, therefore, he may not be present for the June 15th meeting

MANAGER'S REPORT – Victor Carpenter

- Reiterated that the Veteran's Memorial dedication in Ware Shoals was a wonderful event carried out by the county's Veteran's Affairs Officer, Cari Bolt, and the committee responsible for the monument
- Vic allowed Mark Warner introduce Bill Demuth, Director of Business Development for the Partnership Alliance
- Friday, June 4th, Ascend Performance Materials will be celebrating their one year anniversary as Ascend Performance Materials. Extended an invitation to all the events that are scheduled for the event.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no need for an Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Templeton recognized Mr. Bryant who made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Dominick seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote. The June 1, 2010 meeting of the Greenwood County Council adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ketekash R. Crump-Lukie
Clerk to Council